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[57] **ABSTRACT**

Probes for the detection of *Streptococcus pyogenes*, which are capable of distinguishing it from related species, are provided. Methods of using these probes in hybridization assays, and hybrids formed between the probes and complementary nucleic acids, are disclosed.

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